Health Survey in Andhra Pradesh

891. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what arrangements have been made to conduct an health survey in the districts of Prakasam, Guntur and Krishna of Andhra Pradesh to know the health condition of handloom weavers there ; and

(b) what steps are being taken to improve the health condition of handloom weavers ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that no special health survey has been conducted in the Districts of Prakasam, Guntur and Krishna. However, the District Medical and Health Officers of these Districts have been instructed to conduct medical camps in the concerned villages of these three Districts and render necessary medical aid and health care services wherever required.

Charges for Special Services

892. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to charge fees from patients at major hospitals in Delhi for special services ;

(b) if so, the justification thereof ; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the reaction from the general public in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Major hospitals in Delhi charge fees for certain specialised investigations/procedures like CAT Scanning, EEG, TMT and Echo-cardiography etc. in order to compensate for the recurring and non-recurring cost of running the equipments. However, poor patients are granted partial or full exemption from payment of charges, depending upon merit of each case. The Government has not received any representation from public against charging of the above fees.

Improvement in General Health Condition of People

893. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have recently been taken by Government to improve the general health conditions of the people ;

(b) the amount allocated for these schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan ;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to promote heart surgery in all states so as to make it within the reach of the poorest of the poor ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of AIDS Cases have been detected in India ;

(e) what steps Government propose to take to eradicate this disease on war footing ; and

(f) whether Government have initiated research for the immediate causes of AIDS in India ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) All schemes relating to Health and Family Welfare including the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and National Health Programmes are being implemented throughout the country to improve general health condition of the people. India is committed to achieve the goal of 'Health for All By 2000 AD' and the National Health Policy adopted by the Parliament in 1983 gives clear cut guidelines for undertaking developmental activities in the health and health related sectors and also the targets to be achieved for 'Health For All by 2000 A.D.'. The main instruments of action to achieve the goal of 'Health For All' is the implementation of the primary health care progress throughout the